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Valuable Books on BIOLOGY

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BORRADAILE, L. A. *The Animal and Its Environment*. Oxford Press, London. 1923. \$5.00. A well written account of the relations between the animal and its physical as well as biological environment. The point of view is thoroughly modern and the treatment a happy combination of the specific with the general. The illustrations, some in color, are excellent both in choice and execution. Highly recommended.

THOMSON, J. ARTHUR. *The System of Animate Nature*. 2 vols. Holt. 1920. \$6.00. Gifford Lectures at the University of St. Andrews 1916. Apart from their philosophical bearing, these lectures constitute a brief review of the results of recent biological investigations, together with a consideration of evolutionary theory. An excellent list of books and articles covering the whole field of biology is included.

PEARL, R. *The Biology of Death*. Lippincotts. 1922. \$2.50. Lectures at the Lowell Institute 1920. An attempt to bring together some of the more important contributions made to our knowledge of natural death from the point of view of general biology, experimental biology, and statistical science, by the professor of vital statistics at the Johns Hopkins University.

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THE EVOLUTION OF MAN

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TYLER, JOHN M. *The Coming of Man*. (The Amherst Books) Marshall Jones. 1923. \$2.00. "The book is written especially for those who have never found time or inclination to study our benighted ancestors and predecessors, and their magnificent and truly heroic achievements." A generation of Amherst graduates bear witness to Professor Tyler's peculiar fitness for this task. The book has been recognized in many parts of the country as the most successful attempt in recent years to enable the non-scientific reader to visualize the story of the evolution of man.

WILDER, HARRIS HAWTHORNE. *Man's Prehistoric Past*. Macmillan. 1923. \$5.00. An "outline of prehistory", beginning with the time of creatures that first show the slightest human attainments, and ending when man began to write his own history. This book covers the whole field, yet is not unduly long. It is well illustrated and readable.

MACCURDY, GEORGE GRANT. *Human Origins*. 2 vols. Appleton. 1924. \$10.00. A detailed and well illustrated account of prehistoric man in Europe. Complete and authoritative for the period covered.

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BIOLOGY 1. General Biology. An introduction, especially arranged to serve as part of a program of liberal study.